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**COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)**

COMMISSION PANEL: RICK HSU AND CAREN JENKINS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor
City of Las Vegas**

**Request for Opinion
No. 04-71**

On July 27, 2005 pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission Panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all related documents and determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Goodman violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2), NRS 281.481(5), NRS 281.481(9), NRS 281.491(3), NRS 281.501(2), or NRS 281.501(4), and the allegations were dismissed. Specifically, the panel found no evidence of any act or intent to act in violation of the Ethics in Government Law by Mayor Goodman as it relates to his listing as 'of counsel' on the letterhead of Ross Goodman's law firm, or in relation to any of the other allegations raised within the complaint. Further, the panel found no ethical impropriety which would prohibit Oscar B. Goodman, attorney-at-law, from practicing law or from serving in the capacity 'of counsel' to any law firm.

Pursuant to NRS 281.465, the panel did not consider allegations regarding potential violations of Chapters 41 or 111 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes*, nor of *Supreme Court Rule No. 199*, as these do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, DISMISSED.

DATED: July 27, 2005

Stacy M. Jennings
Stacy M. Jennings, MPA, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in a Federal Express envelope and caused it to be sent via overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor
City of Las Vegas
400 Stewart Avenue, 10th floor
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Dated: July 27, 2005

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